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DURHAM, N.H. -- The New Hampshire International Seminar Series at the University of New Hampshire continues Friday, Nov. 3, with a look at language in the Balkans.

While planned months in advance, "The New Multilingualism of the Former Yugoslavia: Implications for Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro," is a particularly timely presentation, given the latest political events in Yugoslavia. The defeat of former president Slobodan Milosevic by Vojislav Kostunica and the country's struggle to rebuild are sure to be points of discussion during the presentation by Professor Robert Greenberg, of the University of North Carolina.

His lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place in the UNH Memorial Union Building room 330 at 4 p.m. Refreshments begin at 3:30 p.m.

Greenberg, associate professor in the UNC Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, has worked primarily on sociolinguistic issues in the several former countries of Yugoslavia. He has explored issues of language, nationalism and ethnic identity both in Tito's Yugoslavia and in the years following the break-up of the republic.

In addition to his many publications on the region, Greenberg has traveled extensively in the Balkans. He was a Fulbright scholar in Yugoslavia from 1989-90 and made his most recent research trip there in 1998 when he visited Bosnia-Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro.

Joining the Nov. 3 event as discussants will be three Bosnian students studying this year at UNH under a U.S. Department of State grant. Danijela Dabic, Nihad Nakis and Emina Ahmetovic are part of the government's Bosnia-Herzegovina Undergraduate Development Program.

The New Hampshire International Seminar Series is sponsored by the UNH Center for International Education and the UNH Center for the Humanities Saul O Sidore Lecture Series, "Education for the New Millennium," with support from the Alumni Enrichment Fund. For more information, call 603-862-2398.

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